

therefore, hit the ground with his mace
and made the
lake. The lake has been called after Wind,
the father
of Bhima.

A place name connected with an episode
in the
Ramayana on the borders of Karnataka is
Lepakshi

It is said that when Ravana had run away
with Sita,
Rama and Lakshmana came this way in
search of her.
At this spot, they saw something like a bird,
huge and
blood-stained, lying on the ground. Rama
thought that
it was a *Rakshasa* and said to Lakshmana,
"Give me
my bow and arrow. I shall kill this
Rakshasa"

Lakshmana said, "Wait a little, brother. It
looks like
a bird—not like a *Rakshasa*" and went and
saw that
it was Jatayu, the King of Birds. Rama
came up.
Jatayu had seen Ravana taking Sita and
stood in his
way and tried to stop him, Ravana had cut
the bird's
wings, dashed him down to earth and
gone away.
Jatayu was mortally wounded but held life
in the body
for as long as he could, in the hope that
Rama might
come that way and that he might report to
him what he
knew of Sita. When Rama came up and
saw it was
a wounded bird, he stroked its feathers,
spoke kindly
to it and said "*Lepakshi*" which, in Telugu,
means

"Rise, bird". Jatayu could not rise. He
told Rama
what had happened and gave up the body,
and Rama
performed the obsequies and went
forward on his

journey. At the spot where this happened,
people built
a village and called it *Leypakshi*. *Pakshi*
came later
to be pronounced as *Pakshi* and that is why
the village
is called *Leypakshi* now.

Another place name in
which Rama and
Lakshmana are used shows a combination
of fancy and